

TEN MILLIONS A YEAR CLEANED BY CON MEN

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, May 6.—The American confidence men reaped a harvest of more than \$10,000,000 last year, according to figures compiled by Chicago authorities. This is the first estimate amount actually collected from the credulous public by professional confidence operators and does not include the millions gathered annually by the various stock-jobbing schemes.

The crude devices of the old time confidence man, with his shell game, three card monte, gold brick, green cards, money changing and lemon games, have given way to modern methods, more complex and more profitable.

The really successful confidence men of today usually have summer and winter homes, ride in limousines and are aided by richly gowned women, authorities say. They are educated and far more clever than their brethren of old days, whose favorite trick in Chicago was to sell the Marconi female to a "rube" for a small sum, or agree to make the building "turn around."

Land selling schemes, peddling of worthless mine and oil well stock, wire tapping and "fake" sporting events are now the hand maidens of the modern confidence man, who catches his victims instead of dealing with the ignorant ruralite. Nearly all the victims of a Chicago gang recently sent to the penitentiary were bankers and business men. The gang's loot aggregated more than half a million dollars a year.

Fear of publicity keeps most victims quiet, thus giving the high class confidence men a certain degree of immunity, authorities say. They add that federal prosecution for using the mails to defraud has been a big factor in breaking up gangs and recently brought about conviction of half a dozen leading confidence workers.

Tom Brown, who came from Detroit and made his headquarters in New York, was father of the present type of confidence man, said William A. Pinkerton, veteran detective, in making a comparison between the old and new swindlers. "He operated 40 years ago and formerly was a three card monte man. He was known as a bunco stealer and won by like lottery schemes and other crooked gambling devices. Then he invented the gold brick with which he toured the country. The green goods came later and Brown and many imitators who picked up thousands annually. Wire tapping and other schemes now used developed from those old games. The modern operators don't bother with small money and often clean up \$100,000 in a single deal. The old timers thought this a big job."

"Victims are not really honest at heart, for they often enter into a scheme to cheat another fellow. The small town bankers and business men have proved a shining mark for

UNION METHODS GAINS IN CANADA

(By Associated Press) OTTAWA, Ont., May 6.—Statistics collected by the federal department of labor in its quest for reconstruction information show a marked increase during the past year in the strength of union labor in Canada, according to an official announcement. The labor census in 1917 showed 374 local branches with a membership of 294,636. Totals for 1918 are 424 local unions with a membership of 348,887.

It was announced also that 201,432 members of Canadian locals are affiliated with 1897 branches of international organizations.

TO WATER CONSUMERS

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swindlers. They cannot risk their reputations complaining. It is surprising how many shrewd business men fall into the net.

It is estimated that \$3,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 total was obtained in Florida, where hundreds of confidence workers are said to operate, particularly among winter tourists.

OPENING HEART OF ARCTIC LANDS

(By Associated Press) CORDOVA, Alaska, May 6.—Since January, 1905, when the Alaska board of road commissioners came into being, 4800 miles of road and trails have been completed in the territory, requiring a total expenditure of \$4,923,596.

These figures were made public in the annual report of the board just issued, with a statement by Major W. H. Waugh, president. The report summarized construction and other activities up to March 1, 1919.

Of the total mileage of roads and trails, the report states, 2866 miles comprise a connected system reaching from Valdez and Chitina to Eagle, Fairbanks points about the Arctic circle, to the lower Yukon, Nome, Cantile and other Yukon points. The second system of 2736 miles which begins at Seward and serves the interior, Ogish and Innoko districts, the report adds. In addition to these two systems, there are 288 miles of short local roads and trails.

Differences in costs of construction in Alaska and in the states are forcibly brought out in the report. Nearly 5000 miles was the cost of 410 miles of road from Valdez and Chitina to Fairbanks. In the states, normally, \$5 will hire a team and driver for one day and the owner for his horse feed. "In many cases on much of the Alaska work," the report says, "it costs \$5 to feed one horse one day and many other costs are in the same proportion."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, in the Matter of the Estate of W. O. Davis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, as Administrator of the Estate of W. O. Davis, late of said County, deceased.

All Creditors having claims against said estate are required to file and prove same with the said Administrator, with proper vouchers attached, within the term of the Court, within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated May 2nd 1919.

GEORGE A. LANDSHIRE, Administrator.

Frank T. Dunn, Attorney.

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Application Notice No. 5395 Notice of Application for Permission to Appropriation of the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of February, 1919, in accordance with Section 59, Chapter 149, of the Statutes of 1915, one T. G. M. Woolley, of Butte, County of Nye, and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such application is to be made from the Placer River at a point approximately 1/2 mile E. & 1/2 N. W. 1/4, Sec. 8, T. 2 S., R. 12 E., M. 1 N., unincorporated lands, by means of excavations and open cuts and one-fourth mile of main of pipe, ditches, tanks or weirs, and there used for stock watering and domestic purposes. Water not to be returned to stream.

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